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2017 Winter Convention Grand Mound, WA

RESOLUTION #17 - 20

“EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE”

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, invoking the divine blessing of the Creator upon our efforts and purposes, in order to preserve for ourselves and our descendants rights secured under Indian Treaties, Executive Orders, and benefits to which we are entitled under the laws and constitution of the United States and several states, to enlighten the public toward a better understanding of the Indian people, to preserve Indian cultural values, and otherwise to promote the welfare of the Indian people, do hereby establish and submit the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) are representatives of and advocates for national, regional, and specific tribal concerns; and

WHEREAS, ATNI is a regional organization comprised of American Indians/Alaska Natives and tribes in the states of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Nevada, Northern California, and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the health, safety, welfare, education, economic and employment opportunity, and preservation of cultural and natural resources are primary goals and objectives of the ATNI; and

WHEREAS, there have been significant changes to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), the Sandy Recovery and Improvement Act of 2013, the FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy, the FEMA Tribal Policy and the FEMA Tribal Pilot Guidance

for Declaration of Disasters; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI endorses the creation of the Emergency Management Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the mission of the Emergency Management Committee will be to provide timely information for the purpose of protecting Tribal Sovereignty in the realms of emergency management, homeland security and public health emergencies and to share information and best practices amongst Tribes to address program development with regards to internal infrastructure and internal capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Emergency Management Committee will be to provide guidance for member tribes to develop sustainable and all-hazard comprehensive approaches to Terrorism and Homeland Security programs, and an all hazard emergency management approach that emphasizes both inter and intra jurisdictional cooperation to maximize resources in mutual aid, training, exercises, planning, and equipping; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition, the committee shall update members to regulatory requirements as mandated in various federal programs, provide legislative updates and make recommendations on current and proposed rule makings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ATNI endorses Richard Zambrano, Tribal Council Member and Treasurer of the Snoqualmie Tribe to Chair the Emergency Management Committee, and Joe Turrey, Tribal Council Member of the Lower Elwha Tribe to Co-Chair the Emergency Management Committee, due to their vast experience, knowledge and direct work in Tribal Emergency Management; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Emergency Management Committee could include representation at state, and/or federal emergency management departments to expedite support to ATNI Tribal Governments.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted at the 2017 Winter Convention of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, held at Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, Washington, on January 23 – 26, 2017, with a quorum present.

Fawn Sharp, President

Norma Jean Louie, Secretary